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CONFIGURATION RESEARCH OVER A COMPUTER-BASED
NETWORK

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Dear Sir:


Leonard R. Bayer, Andrew P. Jeavons, and David G. Bakken declare that we are co-inventors of the above-identified application, and that the invention of the application was conceived in the U.S. before the May 10, 2001 effective date of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/874,853 as set by such Application's claim to benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/290,131, filed May 10, 2001.

Enclosed is a copy of nine (9) drawings sheets which were prepared by Leonard R. Bayer before May 10, 2001 at the request of Kenneth J. LuKacher, the patent attorney who assisted in preparation of the above-identified application. These drawings show (i) the operation of both the survey engine at a server and the survey respondent at a respondent's computer over a computer network, (ii) the program flow of the configurator software downloaded to the respondent's computer, (iii) an example of the user interface provided by the downloaded configurator software when running at the respondent's computer, (iv) examples of selections at the user interface effected displayed final price, and (v) example of data returned to the server from the respondent complete with explanation thereof. Also enclosed is single sheet discussing the usage of the claimed invention in market research that was also prepared by Leonard R. Bayer before May 10, 2001. The enclosed documents thus shows conception of the invention of the present Application No. 09/882,203 prior to the effective date of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/874,853, which was filed with due diligence to the June 15, 2001 filing date of the present Application No. 09/882,203.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

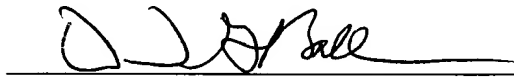
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